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**PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT  
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Docket Number (Optional)

First named inventor: *Gary W. LAMPKINS*Application No.: *10/046,164*Art Unit: *3728*Filed: *1/16/02*Examiner: *Anthony STashick*Title: *Stay Tie II*

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- (1) Petition fee;
- (2) Reply and/or issue fee;
- (3) Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee - required for all utility and plant applications filed before June 8, 1995; and for all design applications; and
- (4) Statement that the entire delay was unintentional.

**1. Petition fee**

Small entity-fee \$ 700. (37 CFR 1.17(m)). Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

Other than small entity - fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (37 CFR 1.17(m))

**2. Reply and/or fee**

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has been filed previously on August 24, 2005.  
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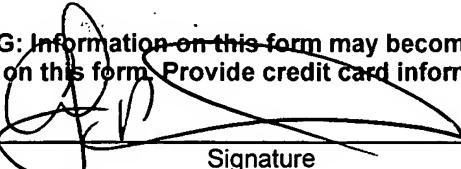
## 3. Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee

Since this utility/plant application was filed on or after June 8, 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required.

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RE: Petition to revise application 10/046,164

Dear Office of Petitions,

Please find enclosed a "PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT ABANDONED UNINTENTIONALLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)". Also find enclosed the response to the examiner's office action.

Be advised that all pertinent information such as address, telephone and etc. are the same in reference to this matter.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation, and I look forward to a speedy resolution in this matter.

Sincerely,

Gary W. Lampkins  
Applicant

10/046,164

REMARKS TO EXAMINER'S FINDINGS

1. New claims 3, 4, 5, and 6 of this application is patentable over prior art namely Lavielle, Blum and Anderson in light of the fact that said prior art does not disclose two extremely flexible retaining members with an ability to adjust to the thickness or the lack thereof of the shoestring material which will ultimately maintain the integrity of the knot.

SUBMITTED BY,

Gary W. Lampkins

appl. No. 10/046,164

Claim 3. (New) A combination shoe and shoelace retaining device comprising of two substantially flexible wrapping interlocking retaining members, joined together by a flexible arm, with a flexible loop extension attached thereto, which allows the device to be attached to a shoe by the flexible loop extension being inserted through a shoelace hole and inserted through said flexible loop to form a noose around the upper of the shoelace hole and surrounding shoe material, thereby allowing the device to be semi attached to said shoe.

Claim 4. (New) A combination shoe and shoelace retaining device as described in claim 1 wherein the device is made a permanent part of the shoe.

Claim 5. (New) A shoelace retaining device comprising of two substantially flexible wrapping interlocking retaining members joined together by a flexible arm.

Claim 6. (New) A shoelace retaining device comprising of a substantially flexible wrapping interlocking retaining member.